

## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. [redacted] a 250 ruble-a-year tuition fee is being collected by the government in schools above grammar school. Many families are unable to send their children to schools not only because of the tuition fee but also because the children are needed on the kolkhozy.
2. Approximately 120,000 Armenians voluntarily immigrated to the Armenian SSR from various countries of the world. These people soon discovered that all of the promises made by the Soviets came to naught. By and by the immigrants had to sell all of their possessions, and in order to survive, they began working in factories and on kolkhozy. As a result, great discontent arose among the immigrants who then began to grumble about their plight and talked about the good life they had led in the countries from which they came. Such talk took deep root among the Armenian people and the Soviet government began to take measures to suppress it. By this time great numbers of immigrants began to flee from the USSR. Many committed suicide and thousands were condemned to prisons and sent to Siberia for openly expressing their discontent. Out of the 120,000 Armenians who immigrated to the Caucasus only about 500 immigrants remain.
3. [redacted] the peoples of the Caucasus were angry at the United States for the aid it gave the Soviet Union during World War II. [redacted] the people were hoping for a German victory. In case of another conflict the peoples of the Caucasus would welcome and aid any nation or combination of nations which would promise to break up the kolkhozy and give the people a better life in the future.
- [redacted] Comment. Although this report does not give any exact dates for the immigration of the 120,000 Armenians, the report in its entirety gives the impression that it is a post World War II immigration.

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